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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, NL
SUBJECT: F-16 PROGRAM "HARVEST PARTNER"

REF: OSAF WASHDC/SAFIL #1817

1. THANKS FOR MESSAGE OUTLINING SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS MADE AT OCT 13-15 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING THE DETAILED MINUTES OF WHICH WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING.

2. EMBASSY THE HAGUE IN CONJUNCTION WITH LOCAL MAAG STANDS READY TO COUNSEL AND SUPPORT USAF F-16 SYSTEMS PROGRAM OFFICE TO INSURE SMOOTH IMPLEMENTATION OF CO-PRODUCTION PROGRAM IN THE NETHERLANDS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO FULFILLING THE SAME TYPE OF CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE WITH REGARD TO CO-PRODUCTION THAT WE DID WITH THE SELECTION PROCESS. FOR US TO DO SO EFFECT-IVELY, HOWEVER, IT WILL BE NECESSARY THAT WE ARE KEPT FULLY ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS AND NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE OF IMPORTANT MEETINGS AND NEW INITIATIVES. TO THIS END WE WELCOME THE UPCOMING CHIEF MAAG BRIEFING AND COORDINATION SESSION ON
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NOVEMBER 24 IN BRUSSELS ANDPLAN TO INCLUDE WITH OUR MAAG

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REPRESENTATIVES OUR EMBASSY PROJECT OFFICER FOR HARVEST PARTNER AS WELL AS A POLITICAL OFFICER.

3. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE IMPACT OF HARVEST PARTNER WILL TRANSCEND THOSE INDUSTRIAL AND FINANCIAL OBJECTIVES, WHICH ARE THE CONCERN OF THE TECHNICIANS IN CHARGE OF THE PROGRAM, AND THAT HARVEST PARTNER WILL HAVE PSYCHOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL BEARING ON OTHER IMPORTANT USG INTERESTS. THE MORE FAVORABLE THE REACTION HERE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM ITSELF AND THE MORE SMOOTHLY IT OPERATES THEREAFTER THE MORE BENEFICIAL WILL BE THE OVERALL IMPACT ON THESE OTHER CONCERNS. TO ACHIEVE SMOOTH IMPLEMENTATION OF HARVEST PARTNER THERE WILL BE NO SUBSTITUTE FOR CLOSE COOPERATION AND COORDINATION BETWEEN EMBASSY AND PROGRAM OFFICIALS.
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